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The Oulton Messenger Online

The magazine from your Oulton Parish Council

Welcome to our 5th edition of your Oulton Magazine and our first online version

It has been 18 months since our last edition, and many changes have taken place since then in both on the Parish Council and in the Parish. There have been elections for the Parish and District Councils, plus a new Parish Clerk Rebecca Morris has been appointed who has settled into her position like a duck to water!

Around the Parish councillors have been busy chasing up street furniture to be installed, and now that the new operators, East Suffolk Services, are in situ, we are making headway with a newly installed dog bin in Union Lane and new bench at the crossroads Union Lane. This bench is the only reminder of the Lothingland Hospital site. The Parish Council also hopes to remedy this with the siting of a memorial garden within the allocated land housing development on the north side of Union Lane. We have also organised a new toddler swing purchased for the Brendon Way play area. New speed awareness gates for the village have also been erected along with 2 Speed Indicator Device poles, these will help monitor and curb the speeding traffic through various areas of the village.

It certainly has been a busy time.

Cllr Jenny Hinton, Chairman

If you are passionate about your local area and interested in making a difference, then being a parish councillor could be the ideal position for you. For further info read the article written by our new councillor in this edition and if interested please contact the Parish Clerk by email

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A Warm Welcome To Our New Councillor

Have you ever thought about how local decisions are made, or wanted to get more involved in your community? If so, I can thoroughly recommend becoming a Parish Councillor.

My own curiosity started during the Oulton referendum in February. The question was, 'Do you want the Broads Authority and East Suffolk Council to use the Neighbour Plan for Oulton to help them decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'. At the time I didn't understand what the Neighbourhood Plan was and I decided I needed to learn more and contribute back to the village.

Having seen there were vacancies for parish councillors, I contacted the parish clerk, Rebecca Morris and within days the paperwork was efficiently hand delivered to my door. I then reached out to Jenny who is the Chairperson of the council who invited me round for a cup of tea and explained how the council worked and what the responsibilities are. Jenny explained the council is made up of 10 volunteer councillors and is non-political. Jenny couldn't have been more warm or welcoming and encouraged me to apply.

I have received training which is online and at a time convenient to me. In addition, I've received newsletters from Suffolk Country Council, Woods Meadow Country Park, East Suffolk Planning and Management, and The Broads Authority. So I am learning about the wider area too.

Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 7pm and last until 8.30pm. We meet at Oulton Community Centre and members of the public are very welcome to attend and get the opportunity to voice their views and questions during the 15 minutes allowed for public participation. It is a chance to meet new people and make a real difference to Oulton. Everybody has been supportive, friendly and knowledgeable. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please contact clerkoulttonparishsuffolk@hotmail.co.uk

Cllr Jo-anne illingsworth

Oulton Parish Council Website and Facebook Page

All the latest news and Parish Council information can be found on our website and Facebook page. Our **Website** (www.oulttonpcsuffolk.info) has information about the Parish Council including the role of the Councillor, our policies, meeting agendas and meeting minutes. There's also a News and Events page, copies of the Parish Council Magazine, a Gallery of photos, and links to historical information about the Parish. Use our Website to find out more about the Parish Council, our Councillors and Parish News.

Our **Facebook** page ([Oulton Parish Council, Suffolk](https://www.facebook.com/OultonParishCouncilSuffolk)) was launched last year and works alongside our website allowing us to post information about current events in the Parish along with Parish news, notices and reminders. Remember to **Follow** us on **Facebook** to gain updates as soon as they are posted.



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Updates On Oulton Parish Council Projects

For some time now, we have been waiting for a bench to be placed at the top of Union Lane and Village 'Welcome' Gates to be installed in Oulton Village.....

The bench at the top end of Union Lane had deteriorated over the years and Oulton Parish Council thought it appropriate to replace this in memory of Alfred Youngman who sat and talked to everyone, waved to passing motorists and all the people who passed through the hospital. We decided that the bench should be replaced and have two new plaques.



Jenkins Green Pond: We are pleased to say that we are very hopeful the pond will be cleared as much as possible by contractors to make this area more accessible to wildlife and to see the beauty of the pond. We are hoping to attract more wildlife back to the pond, i.e. the kingfisher, the ducks and the geese that used to be there in abundance. The pond has been choked by reeds and we hope that the contractor will be able to clear much of these. I am hoping that my wife and I can continue to maintain the area as much as possible. We have had many passers by complimenting us on our work, which makes all the hard work worthwhile. Here is hoping for a new look to the pond in the next few years.



Cllr John Sarbutt and Cllr Hilary Sarbutt

Please note that Cllr John Sarbutt has been instrumental in keeping the area pristine and pushing forward the Pond cleaning operation, however since writing the above article East Suffolk Council have been in contact with Oulton Parish Council and with the

help of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust they have come up with an action plan and taken back the management of Jenkins Green Pond. John and the Parish Council will continue to offer assistance, but overall management is now down to East Suffolk Council.

Updates On Oulton Parish Council Projects cont...

The Village Gates in Oulton Street have been placed to welcome people to Oulton Village and make motorists aware of the speed limitation on Oulton Street.

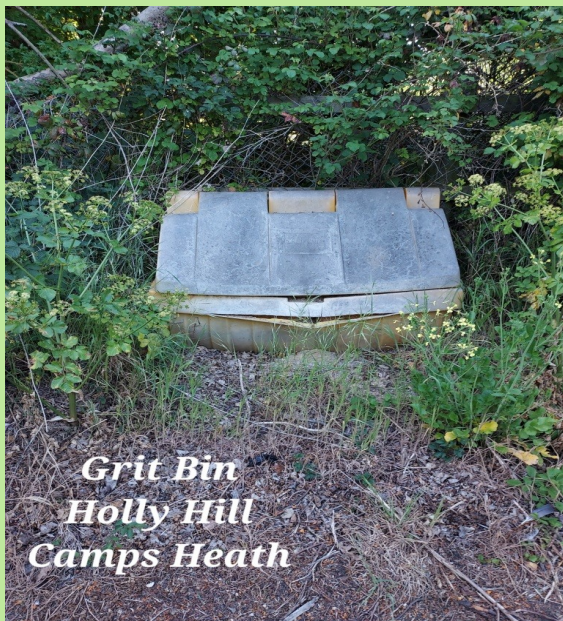


The Speed Indicator Device in Oulton Street has started its tour around the Parish, alternating between the Street, Hall lane and Wood lane. This not only satisfies

legislation, moving locations every month, but assisting in the complaints of speeding traffic along these roads. Lets hope this raises the awareness of those that exceed the 30 mph limit.

Grit Bins - Ready for Winter

All the grit bins around the Parish have been checked and refilled ready for the winter weather and icy conditions. The Parish Council have also replaced the grit bin on Holly Hill. See the before and after photo below.....



*Grit Bin
Holly Hill
Camps Heath*



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Local Parish History - The Grange, 43 Parkhill, Oulton

This edition covers the history of one of the 5 listed properties in Oulton Village.

On the periphery of Oulton Village, North end sits the Grange. Originally built in circa 1740, this building, a Grade II listed, was known as The Hall. It's amazing features includes beautiful Rococo elaborate ornamental ceilings and the original fire place in the drawing room. The windows are mainly original with some stained glass panes and ogee shaped heads. The grounds are stunning and include the original knot gardens and 1200 square ft of outbuilding area. Extensive walls enclose the grounds which total 0.67 acres and approx. 3000 square footage of living accommodation within the Grange itself.

Henry Mileham occupied the property from 1837-1857 this included 2,000 acres of land.! Since then the property passed to Willian Seago, who in turn sold it to the Waller family known to be the first resident to own a motor car in the village.

The property was then sold to a building company in 1957, which proceeded to divide The Hall in two parts, North & South. The North side, The Grange, and the South Side, The Hall.



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Dates for Your Diary

Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2023 and 2024 Q1:

Tue 7th November 2023, Tue 5th December 2023,
Tue 9th January 2024, Tue 6th February 2024, Tue 5th March 2024

Parish Council Meetings are held in Oulton Community Centre, Meadow Road, Oulton normally on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend, agenda and minutes for each meeting can be found on our website (www.oultontpsuffolk.info)

Councillors Surgery and Coffee Mornings

To coincide with the Oulton community centres coffee mornings, Oulton Councillors have been available to discuss any concerns or issues you might have in a welcoming and private environment. So if you live in Oulton or Oulton Broad pop into the Community centre for a cuppa and a chat.

All Parish Council meeting dates and surgery dates for 2024 will be available soon and published on our Facebook page, Website and Parish Council and Community Centre Notice Boards.

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We have seven Oulton Parish Councillors with a full list of names, contact numbers and responsibilities of each Parish Councillor on the Oulton Parish Council website

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